System of Checking at the time of Booking Goods

1273. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the time of booking goods the Railways examine the documents relating to payment of the Central Excise and Central Sales Tax, the consignees sale tax number, the gate pass issued by the Central Excise department; and

(b) if not, whether the railway propose to introduce the system of checking the above mentioned documents to stop the Central Excise and Sales Tax evasion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Reservation from Salem and Erode for Kerala Express

1274. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reservation available from Salem and Erode for Kerala Express (2625/2626) has been discontinued;

(b) if so, what is the reasons therefor; and

(c) from which station/junction reservation for passengers belong to Salem and Erode will be available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As a result of introduction of a new daily train 2617 Mangla Expreas w.e.f. 1-7-93, quotas earlier available to these stations by Kerala Express have been shifted to the new train. Salem, Erode and Coimbatore have been provided with computerised reservation facility in one group and passengers have free access to the total quota provided in this group on first come first served basis.

Modernisation of the Integral Coach Factory

1275. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the modernisation of the Integral Coach Factory has been badly hit due to the paucity of funds;

(b) if so, what are the areas of expansion of the Integral Coach Factory and the estimated cost involved; and

(c) what steps are contemplated by Government to overcome the problem of finances to take up the expansion programme of Integral Coach Factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Placing Adequate Orders for Wagons with B.C.I.

1276. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are not placing adequate orders of wagons with the Braithwaite Co. Ltd., resulting in the sickness of the company;

(b) if so, what are the details of the order placed by Railways for wagons with the Braithwaite Co. Ltd., during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(c) what is the reason for not placing adequate orders with the Braithwaite Co. Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) For the year 1992-93 orders for 2720 four-wheelers were placed initially. For the current year i.e., 1993-94, orders for 1237.5 four-wheelers have been placed covering the first half requirement. Orders for the second half will be placed in due course.

(c) Does not arise.

Allocation of Amount for Doubling of Quilon-Trivandrum Line

1277. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount allocated for doubling of Quilon-Trivandrum line and the expected time of its completion;

(b) what is the amount allocated for the new station building and over-bridge at Quilon station and the time to be taken for completion of the above project;